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SUBJECT: SYRIAN VISIT

REF: A. DAMASCUS 2100; B. STATE 130975

1. PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE SECRETARY DABOUL INFORMED CHARGE THAT SARG AGREES TO OUR PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENT WITH SLIGHT MODIFICATION AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE: WE HAVE INVITED PRESIDENT ASAD OF SYRIA TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO WASHINGTON FOR TALKS WITH PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER AS PART OF THE CONSULTATIONS WE ARE PRESENTLY HOLDING WITH GOVERNMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ACCEPTED THIS INVITATION AND HAS INDICATED THAT PRESIDENT ASAD'S REPRESENTATIVE FOR THESE TALKS WILL BE MR. ABD AL-HALIM KHADDAM, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHO WILL COME TO WASHINGTON ON JUNE 20, 1975. END QUOTE.

2. CHARGE POINTED OUT THAT REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD PLAN BE IN WASHINGTON JUNE 20, AS HE ASSUMED TIME HAD ALREADY BEEN BLOCKED OUT ON PRESIDENT'S AND SECRETARY'S CALENDARS FOR MEETINGS. HE ALSO ASKED WHETHER ANYONE WOULD BE TRAVELING WITH FONMIN.

3. DABOUL INDICATED HIS UNDERSTANDING OF FIRST POINT AND SAID HE EXPECTED FONMIN WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN INTERPRETER.

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4. WILL ATTEMPT OBTAIN EXACT TRAVEL SCHEDULE FROM
KHADDAM'S OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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